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The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on August 12, 2006. This response is submitted on or before two months from the mailing date of the Final Office Action.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.